



# PSC NEWS

## Missouri Public Service Commission

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### **PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN TANEY COUNTY UTILITIES CORPORATION RATE CASES**

Jefferson City (March 26, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **Reeds Spring** on **April 6, 2004**, to receive customer comments on water and sewer rate cases filed by Taney County Utilities Corporation. For the first time, the Commission will conduct the local public hearing through a video-conference link with the Commission's office in Jefferson City and Commissioners will take part in the local public hearing by video-conference.

**The local public hearing will be held at the Reeds Spring Regional Telecommunications Community Resource Center, Reeds Spring High School, Highway 413 South, in Reeds Spring. The PSC Staff will hold an informal question and answer session starting at 6:00 pm with the local public hearing to follow at 6:30 pm.**

The local public hearing will be held in a facility that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in the local public hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

Local public hearings are designed to give customers of the Company an opportunity to comment on the rate request currently before the Commission. In addition, customers may also bring any service related problems to the Commission's attention.

When the Taney County Utilities Corporation filed its rate requests with the Public Service Commission, the Company sought to increase water revenues by approximately \$84,440 a year and sewer revenues by approximately \$14,094 a year.

The PSC Staff conducted a thorough audit of the books and records of Taney County Utilities Corporation. Based on that audit, Staff has recommended an increase of approximately \$15,300 in annual water revenues and approximately \$4,970 in annual sewer revenues. For a residential water customer using approximately 6,000 gallons of water a month, water bills would increase from \$21.80 a month to \$25.52 a month under the recommendation. For a residential sewer customer with the same monthly usage, sewer bills would increase from \$17.44 a month to \$31.69 a month.

Taney County Utilities Corporation serves approximately 520 water customers and 75 sewer customers near Branson, Missouri.

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